

Amendments to the Abstract of the Disclosure:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An automotive passenger restraint and protection apparatus
apparatus prevents damage to a seatbelt. An includes an electric
retractor having a motor for retracting and protracting [[the]] a
seatbelt includes the automotive passenger restraint and
protection apparatus. The motor is controlled by a CPU. The CPU
detects whether the seatbelt is attached to, or disconnected
from, the occupant, and whether the seatbelt has been retracted
to a limit thereof. The motor is controlled by the CPU such that
when the CPU detects that the seatbelt is retracted, and when the
CPU subsequently detects that the seatbelt has been fully
retracted to the limit thereof, the seatbelt is prevented from
being further retracted. The apparatus also includes an airbag
driving device, a pretensioner, a speed detecting device, and a
controller. The controller controls at least one of the
actuation time or expansion pressure of an airbag by the airbag
driving device, actuation time of the pretensioner, a force of
the pretensioner for retracting the seatbelt, and a force of the
seatbelt driving device for retracting the seatbelt, based upon

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the speed of protraction of the seatbelt. The controller
controls the airbag driving device to shorten the actuation time
of the airbag when the speed of protraction of the seatbelt is
greater than a predetermined value, and prolongs the actuation
time of the airbag when the detected speed of protraction of the
seatbelt is lower than the predetermined value.